## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 89-230-E/G - ORDER NO.  $92-660^{\checkmark}$ AUGUST 12, 1992

IN RE: Investigation of Property Transfers
from South Carolina Electric & Gas
Company to SCANA, other SCANA
Affiliates and Non-Affiliated Entities,
and Allocation of Expenses, Revenues
and Plant Between SCE&G, SCANA, and
SCANA Affiliates.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a Petition filed by the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) to establish a separate investigation in the instant docket concerning gas, propane and other recent acquisitions by SCANA, or in the alternative, to establish a new docket concerning these matters. The document also requests intervention in any such docket that may be established.

The Commission in 1989 undertook an investigation of property transfers from SCE&G to SCANA, other SCANA affiliates and non-affiliated entities and allocation of expenses, revenues and plant between SCE&G, SCANA, and SCANA affiliates. As part of a settlement agreement approved by the South Carolina Supreme Court, the Commission Staff, the Consumer Advocate and Peoples Natural Gas Company agreed that an investigation could be made of the Peoples Natural Gas Company acquisition by SCANA/SCE&G and potential

allocation and ratemaking consequences related thereto. It should further be noted that SCANA has recently acquired Suburban Propane Company, Santee Distributing Company, and has created certain new subsidiaries in the gas area. The Commission therefore believes that the Consumer Advocate states good cause to establish a new Docket which would allow a separate investigation concerning the gas propane and other recent acquisitions mentioned above. The Commission also believes that the Consumer Advocate should be granted intervention in this Docket, and discovery privileges relating thereto.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Consumer Advocate's request to establish a new docket concerning the gas, propane, and other recent acquisitions by SCANA mentioned above is hereby granted.
- 2. The Consumer Advocate's Petition to Intervene in this new Docket is hereby granted, along with full discovery privileges related thereto.
- 3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

VICE Chairman & Mulchell

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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